



City of Falls Church Farmers Market "To Go" Operating Guidelines

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The Governor and the Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services (VDACS) have determined that farmers markets can remain open. The Falls Church Farmers Market provides the essential service of supplying a source for fresh food and produce to the residents of the City of Falls Church and surrounding jurisdictions. In an effort to keep shoppers, producers and employees at the market as safe as possible and to maintain necessary social distancing requirements, the market will encourage a "To Go" delivery system and adhere to the following guidelines:

- 1. The Falls Church Farmers will be open on Saturdays from 8 am to 12 noon. Customers are encouraged to pre-order their purchases.
- 2. A list of contact information for vendors will be maintained on the "To Go" Vendor List on the City's Farmers Market website, www.fallschurchva.gov/FM.
- 3. A minimum social distancing and physical separation of 6 feet will be enforced.
- 4. Shopping and browsing are permitted but customers are encouraged to pre-order.
- 5. Congregating will not be permitted within the boundaries of the market. Customers who want to congregate should do so outside of the market boundaries.
- 6. There will be three controlled and staffed entrances to the market. One entrance will be on Park Avenue. The second entrance will be off of Little Falls Street. The third entrance will be adjacent to the front of the Community Center.
- 7. Where needed caution tape and barricades will be installed to prevent access to the market from any place other than the three staffed entrances.
- 8. Patrons can park in the community center parking lot, on the street or in the adjacent private parking lots.
- 9. At each entrance there will be hand sanitizing wipes or lotion.
- 10. Producers are required to wipe their table top, vendor space and card reader off frequently.
- 11. Producers should have hand sanitizer available at their stand.
- 12. All producer, and employees must wear a mask or face covering inside the boundaries of the market.
- 13. Patrons of the market are encouraged to wear a mask or face covering.
- 14. No sampling will be allowed.
- 15. Pre-paying for orders is preferred but if that is not possible payment can be made at the market with a credit card or check. Cash will only be accepted if a card is not available. No coins can be used to complete the transaction.
- 16. Producers are required to wipe off credit cards and card readers before and after each transaction.
- 17. Customers and producers who do not feel well should stay home. (This will be posted at the entrance to the market)
- 18. No one with a fever or symptoms of COVID-19, or known exposure to a COVID-10 case in the prior 14 days is permitted in the farmers market.
- 19. General information signs will be posted at entrance points.